

Wisconsin Medicaid update and BadgerCare

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Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Information for Providers

To:

Prenatal Care
Coordination
Providers

Increased upper limit on reimbursement for prenatal care coordination services

Wisconsin Medicaid is increasing its per pregnancy maximum reimbursement limitations for prenatal care coordination (PNCC) services and its reimbursement limitations on health education and nutrition counseling. There is no change to the maximum allowable fees for PNCC services.

Change in prenatal care coordination reimbursement limitations

Effective for claims processed on and after March 1, 2000, the following new limitations apply:

The limit for prenatal care coordination (PNCC) services (procedure codes W7090 – W7094) is increased to \$860 per recipient, per pregnancy.

- The limit for ongoing care coordination and monitoring, health education, and nutrition counseling (procedure codes W7092, W7093, and W7094) is increased to \$766.36 per recipient, per pregnancy.
- The maximum allowable fees for administering the Pregnancy Questionnaire (W7090) and for completing the care plan (W7091) remain at \$46.82 each.

Previous reimbursement limitations

Prior to March 1, 2000, PNCC services were reimbursed up to \$624.24 per recipient, per pregnancy. Ongoing care coordination and monitoring, health education, and nutrition counseling were limited to \$530.60 per recipient, per pregnancy. Health education and nutrition counseling services were limited to \$150 (of the \$530.60) per pregnancy.

Early prenatal care coordination services improve birth outcomes

The goal of the PNCC program is to improve birth outcomes among women with health and psychosocial risk factors.

The Department of Health and Family Services' (DHFS) evaluation of PNCC demonstrated that women who receive PNCC services early in their pregnancy have better birth outcomes than women who begin receiving services later in their pregnancy (*An Evaluation of Early Experience Under the Medicaid Prenatal Care Coordination Program*. December 1997). The evaluation showed statistically significant improvements in birth weight and gestational age and a reduction in cost for neonatal intensive care services.

The increase in the per pregnancy PNCC reimbursement will allow providers to give additional hours of care coordination to those women who need a higher intensity level of service throughout pregnancy and early postpartum. Removing the reimbursement limitation on health education and nutrition counseling gives providers and recipients increased flexibility in accessing services that meet recipients' needs.

The *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Although the *Update* refers to Medicaid recipients, all information applies to BadgerCare recipients also.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare are administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

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Prenatal Care Coordination Services Maximum Allowable Fees

Procedure Code	Procedure Description	Maximum Allowable Fee
W7090	Risk Assessment	\$46.82
W7091	Initial Care Plan Development	\$46.82
W7092	Ongoing Care Coordination and Monitoring	\$31.21
W7093	Health Education/Nutrition Counseling - Individual	\$31.21
W7094	Health Education/Nutrition Counseling - Group	\$6.24